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Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States AGM-114M3 HELLFIRE II Air-to-Surface Anti-Armor Missiles

On 4 September, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States of AGM-114M3 HELLFIRE II Air-to-Surface Anti-Armor missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$60 million.

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States has requested a possible sale for 449 AGM-114M3 HELLFIRE II Air-to-Surface Anti-Armor missiles, engines, winches, kits, dispensers, containers, spare and repair parts, test and tool sets, personnel training and equipment, publications, a U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, Quality Assurance Team, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$60 million.

This sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

The recipient will use these HELLFIRE missiles on their AH-1W Super Cobra and OH -58D helicopters. The missiles will enhance the recipient's defensive anti-armor capabilities. The recipient, which already has HELLFIRE missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin Electronics and Missiles of Orlando, Florida. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the recipient.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.